

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Peter Clark, Ron Leino. Absent – Mark McGillis. Others present – Jake Engelman, Tracy Ruppe, Ann Doucette, Shelley Nelson, Mark Liebaert, Rebecca Severson, Kelly Thimm, Michele Wick, Dave Sletten, Darrell Witt, Tom Dalbec, Tyler Edwards, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021, meeting, with correction to note Ron Leino was present. Motion carried.

**Updates and Reports:**

**Child Support:** Severson reported no new updates from the previous meeting, just down a few staff.

**Circuit Court Branch I:** Thimm reported reclassification of three judicial assistants requested.

**Clerk of Courts:** Wick reported fully staffed and very busy.

**Court Commissioner:** Lovejoy reported still utilizing video conferencing for hearings and going very well.

**Emergency Management:** Sletten reported working with Public Health and UW-S implementing regional vaccination site, noting walk-ins now welcome; assisting with vaccinations with Room 270 as well; appropriation and distribution of PPE equipment; working on the hazard mitigation plan and updating off-site plans with hazardous chemicals.

**Communications Center:** Sletten reported down four staff currently, background checks in progress. 911 backup center fully functional at Hawthorne.

**District Attorney:** Fruehauf reported things are going well.

**Medical Examiner:** Witt reported numbers are similar to last year.

**Probate:** Thimm reported guardianship case numbers are up from last year as well as mental commitments.

**Sheriff – Patrol Division:** Dalbec reported down one position, otherwise things going well. There are a handful of retirements coming in approximately the next year and a half.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** Dalbec reported employee retention (down 5 currently) continues to be a problem. Edwards noted 3 active COVID cases this month.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**Budgetary Transfer:** Ruppe advised transfer is required to amend the budget for purchasing Sheriff's Department replacement vehicle for one that was damaged.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Leino, second Lear, to approve the budgetary transfer in the amount of \$28,500, and forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Capital Project Requests:**

**Emergency Management:** Requesting \$8,500 for EOC Dual Band Radio/Antenna (Priority #1); \$15,720 for chairs within the EOC (Priority #2); and \$5,950 for AED's for EM vehicles/Command Post/1<sup>st</sup> Floor Courthouse (Risk Management – Priority #1).

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve capital requestS from Emergency Management as presented in the amount of \$30,170, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Communication Center:** Requesting \$75,000 for office reconfiguration of the 911 center (Priority #1) (\$150,000 total project cost; remainder to be requested next year); \$7,610 for CAD/Callworks integration (Priority #2).

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve capital requestS from Communication Center as presented in the amount of \$82,610, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff's Department:**

**Patrol Division:** Requesting \$21,649 for replacement of portable radio microphones/earpieces/hearing protection.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve capital project request from the Sheriff's Department-Patrol Division as presented in the amount of \$21,649, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board.

**Jail Division:**

**Jail Door Operating Systems Replacement:** Requesting \$227,500 for jail door operating system replacement (priority #1).

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve capital project request from Sheriff's Department-Jail Division as presented in the amount of \$227,500, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Jail Remodel Project 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:** Requesting \$189,707 for jail remodel project of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Priority #3) for 6 bed cell area for federal inmates. Handout distributed with revised numbers from another company, quote came in at near \$300,000.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve capital project request from Sheriff's Department-Jail Division as presented in the amount of \$300,000, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Jail Remodel Project – Max Housing Control:** Requesting \$26,822.60 for remodeling of the max housing control room (Priority #2).

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Clark, second Lear, to approve capital project request from Sheriff's Department–Jail Division as presented in the amount of \$26,822.60, and refer to County Administrator, Administration/Executive Committees and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Clark, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk